

A Brief Guide for Families, Organizations and Public Officials

Resources to inform, support and prepare families for a possible return to Mexico

WHAT IS A CURP?



The Clave Única de Registro de Población, more commonly known as the CURP, is an identification number comprised of a person's initials, date of birth and a series of unique numbers. The CURP serves to track Mexico's population, including nationals and foreigners living in Mexico and Mexicans that reside abroad.

A CURP number is much like a Social Security number in the U.S. It allows people to access public benefits in Mexico, such as education, health and other social services.

A CURP can be obtained in several ways. If you are a Mexican national, you can obtain your CURP at a Mexican Consulate in the U.S. or a civil registry office in Mexico. U.S. born children of Mexican nationals can obtain their CURP when they register their Mexican nationality, either at a Mexican Consulate in the U.S. or the civil registry in Mexico. Foreigners living in Mexico receive a CURP number when they are granted a visa to reside in Mexico.